

alternatives to just locking people up and throwing away the key because that does not solve the problem. That only creates additional problems in other areas with expenses as it relates to incarceration of those people. It is rather insincere to say, oh, June 1 and we'll sit down and look at it over the next six to seven weeks. This issue has been before us. It's a legitimate issue. It is raised not by the proponents of the bill, but by the opponents of anything doing with DWI that just isn't a stiffer and ever stiffer penalty. It is raised by a bureaucrat out of Kansas City who drafts a letter that is full of innuendo. That is clearly what it is. As a matter of fact, I'm going to file a complaint with this fellow's boss. I don't know who it is, but Mr. McPherson doesn't deserve whatever the heck we're paying him. I mean, at least I want my portion, whatever the three cents or five cents of my federal income tax that went towards this guy's salary to be revoked. A lot of impact that's going to have on him. Just read the letter that was handed out by Senator Hudkins. Take a look at it. It is lettered with things like, in my opinion, potentially, approximately, could jeopardize, it's garbage. It isn't worth the paper it was faxed on and it had to be faxed here, by the way. The issue is one of do we bracket this bill or do we deal with it? Don't bracket it to take it off the agenda. We talked about it on General File. Everyone looked at it. All of a sudden, people come out of the woodwork and say, oh, this is some kind of attack on our ever tough drunk driving laws. It just isn't the case. We just got done defeating an amendment that said we're going to give veto power to one of 93 counties and the amendment says their list would get worse and worse. Let's wade through them. Don't bracket a bill that does nothing but try to solve the problem that gives a very difficult situation in terms of drunk driving, it gives...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...those people involved with dishing out the penalties for it some additional tools to address those issues. That's what you need. If making the penalties were stiffer, were the way to correct the problem, you could have corrected this problem 20 years ago. You could have just made it tougher and tougher and tougher. Ladies and gentlemen, that doesn't work. What you have to do is look at things like pretrial diversion. You have to look to education. You have to look to funding of those kinds of things. Doing some of the other things that are allowed in that federal law that helps us get